

OFFERTORY PRAYER
CHORAL OFFERTORY
*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Kyrie

arr. Jay Rouse

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 1

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STUTT GART

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn 44

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, Still the dear Christ enters in.*

POSTLUDE

Deck the Hall

Pasquet

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord’s Day

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

11:00 a.m.



THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

Jesus Christ, Our Savior

Bach

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. Sidney King

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE (from Isaiah 64:1-4)

Jeff and Alice Gossage

Leader: Loving God, come and shine your light in the world!
Let us pray together.

People: God, in whom we hope, we wait for your coming to us once again.
Strengthen us as we wait, so that we will not lack any spiritual gift.
Help us to stay awake to the signs of your coming. Amen.

Sing: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

*HYMN NO. 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION
UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the future,
you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.
We accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbors,
abuse the earth,
and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,
and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.
Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news, people of God! Jesus came into this world to
save sinners. May we be dead to sin and alive to God.

People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Hymn No. 23

*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS AND SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

SUNG RESPONSE

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

THE WORD OF GOD

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA		<i>Flowers in the Desert: New Life in God's Kingdom</i>
Isaiah 9:2-4	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	Richard Proulx
Isaiah 11:1-5	<i>O Come Emmanuel</i>	Elaine Hagenberg
Isaiah 35:1-6	<i>Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers</i>	John W. Finney
Isaiah 52:7-10	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	arr. Jay Rouse

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 11

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN